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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)	June 29, 2005
DYNAMICALLY ESTABLISHING ROLL STATIC)	750 B STREET, Suite 3120
ATTITUDE IN HARD DISK DRIVE)	San Diego, CA 92101
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This responds the Office Action dated May 31, 2005 rejecting Claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Boutaghou et al., USPN 6,535,355 (hereinafter "the reference"). Relative to Claim 1, it is alleged that the reference shows a bias mechanism coupled to the suspension to establish the RSA of the slider, pointing to col. 10, lines 18-21 and 59-67, and to figures 10 and 11, items 126 (the slider) and 1200 (the flexible cage-like joint).

1. Unlike the RSA mechanism of Claim 1, the joint 1200 does not establish RSA but rather simply establishes the stiffness in the roll and pitch dimensions, col. 11, lines 29-33. In other words, the relied-upon joint 1200 does not establish an actual roll static attitude of a slider, but only the amount of stiffness the leads 1000 (which emanate from the suspension, col. 10, lines 27-46) exhibit to torque in the roll and pitch dimensions.

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